

Rejected No.9485,
Rev.War.

Oct. 19, 1905.

Madam:

In reply to your communication dated October 9, 1905, received in this Bureau October 11, 1905, you are advised that from entries on the records in this Bureau it appears that one John Shepherd filed a claim for pension, which was rejected.

He asserted that he served nearly four years in the Pennsylvania line of the Continental Army, and was discharged from the service while in the hospital, upon a certificate from Dr. Rush, obtained by his mother, who was one of the nurses of the hospital.

His claim was rejected on the ground that the above statement (which covers the whole ground of his claim, asserted for the first time) is not only unsupported by any testimony in the papers, but is discredited by the records in this office and at Harrisburg, and by the fact that Dr. Rush resigned in January 1778 and could not have given such a certificate in 1780, when soldier alleges he was discharged after nearly four years' service.

The original papers were returned December 19, 1845, through the Honorable D. R. Tilden, House of Representatives; therefore, the records show no further data.

Very respectfully,

Mrs. George L. Stevens,
Three Oaks, Michigan.

Commissioner.